

Rush Medical College

Class of 2003



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The anchor cross, as an early religious symbol, has a universal identity and meaning. From early times, the anchor and its crosspiece carried messages of steadfastness and hope for those at sea. These were incorporated into the logo of Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in the mid-20th century. With the merger of Rush Medical College and Presbyterian-St. Luke's in 1969, a stylized version of the anchor was developed to remind us of our lasting values, dating back to our charter granted in 1837. As a whole, the Rush seal symbolizes a new concept of medical care and service for our community, and the same steadfastness and hope that we will carry throughout our medical careers.

Benjamin Rush (1745-1813)



Benjamin Rush was born in December of 1745 in Byberry, Pennsylvania. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from the College of New Jersey (later called Princeton) at the age of fifteen and an M.D. from the University of Edinburgh at seventeen. At the age of twenty-three, he became America's first professor of chemistry at the College of Philadelphia. He later became the Professor of medical theory and clinical practice at the consolidated University of Pennsylvania. All told, he taught more than three thousand medical students, who carried his influence to every corner of the growing nation.

Doctor Rush was a social activist as well as an educator. He was a prominent advocate for the abolition of slavery, and for scientific education for the masses, including women. He published a pamphlet on the iniquity of the slave trade, and helped organize the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery and the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage, the first antislavery society in America. Rush also believed in the need for public medical clinics and founded the Philadelphia Dispensary for the relief of the poor, the first of its kind in the United States.

Through his travels and humanitarian endeavors, Rush became acquainted with revolutionary thinkers such as Ben Franklin and Samuel Johnson. He contributed essays to the papers about the Patriot cause and joined the American Philosophical Society. He was active in the Sons of Liberty in Philadelphia and in 1776, he was appointed to represent Philadelphia at the Continental Congress. He was the only formally trained physician to sign the Declaration of Independence.

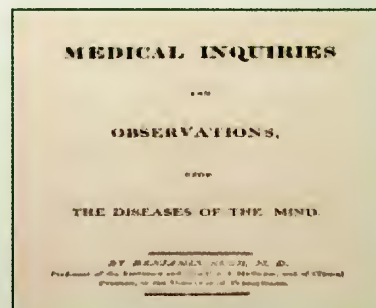


His greatest contributions to medical science were the reforms he instituted in the care of the mentally ill during his thirty years as a senior physician at the Pennsylvania Hospital. In the words of Dr. Carl Binger, "he took on heroic stature," substituting kindness and compassion for cruelty, and replacing routine reliance on archaic procedures by careful clinical observation and study. In 1812, he published *Medical Inquiries and Observations upon the Diseases of the Mind*, the first textbook on psychiatry in America. The American Psychiatric Association placed a bronze plaque at his grave in Philadelphia in 1965, designating him the "Father of American Psychiatry."



Rush Medical College, 1844

In 1837 some of Rush's former students founded a medical college in Chicago, which they named for him. It was the first school of any kind chartered by Illinois and the first health care institution in Chicago.



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THE GRADUATE COLLEGE



June 2003

Dear Class of 2003:

Congratulations! Although your medical education will continue throughout your career the completion of this first phase is truly a milestone. You have completed a transition into the profession of medicine and have been exposed to a breadth of information well beyond that experienced by the generations of doctors before you. As you begin specialty training, whichever area you've chosen has also undergone dramatic transformations in just the last 5 to 10 years. This is indeed an exciting time to be a doctor.

Your ability as a practicing physician to have a positive impact on the health of your patients has never been greater. I have every confidence that you will not only master the technical aspects of your chosen career but with experience develop outstanding clinical judgment.

The more difficult challenge facing medicine today and in the future will be the broader issue of access to health care for all individuals. Today over 40 million Americans are without any kind of health insurance, and worldwide the problem of access to health care is nearly immeasurable. At Rush medical students started the Rush Community Service Initiative program which extends health care and health related services to many needy Chicago individuals. When Rush started as a medical school, people in many parts of the country sought out the skills and services of a "Rush doctor." They were known to be among the most skilled and the best. As graduates of the class of 2003 you carry on that tradition and also take with you a tradition of volunteerism and an awareness of the needs of your community.

I'm particularly proud of and impressed with your accomplishments. And it is my belief that you will continue to define your practice of medicine with these ideals in mind that make me most optimistic for the future of medicine.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

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Dear Rush Medical College 2003 Graduates:

I'm thrilled to offer you my congratulations on the completion of your degree at Rush Medical College. On behalf of the faculty and staff in the Office of Medical Student Programs we wish you the best in your future academic and personal endeavors.


As you turn your attention toward the next phase of training, I would like to reflect on the influence you have had on Rush. It is easy to review the changes and accomplishments within each of you as a result of the educational program however; you have changed Rush also. You have added much to Rush through changes in the courses and curriculum, additional community service projects and new student organizations. Through your daily interactions you have had impact on faculty, fellow students and of course your patients and their families.

I want to thank you for the honor of receiving the Brainard Award this year. I began teaching Anatomy in 1972 as a graduate student; I still enjoy the interaction with students and the opportunity to witness you 'discover' a concept. This award stimulates me to seek new methods of teaching and service for students.

We, the faculty, thank you for challenging us, taking the time to show us another way and for being an important part of our lives. It is with pride that we watch you step into the role of mentor, faculty and colleague.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,


Sue Jacob

**RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE
FACULTY AWARDS
FROM THE CLASS OF 2003**

Brainard Award

SUSAN K. JACOB, PH.D.

This award is presented to the member of the faculty who has demonstrated outstanding ability and dedicated service in the basic and behavioral sciences.

Phoenix Award

KEITH W. MILLIKAN, M.D.

This award is presented to the instructor who has exhibited excellence in medical education and the professional and personal qualities the class would like to obtain as physicians.

Aesculapius Award

ANTHONY KIM, M.D.

This award is presented to the outstanding resident-physician or fellow, in recognition for excellence in teaching and patient care.

Hooder

JILL M. PORTER, M.S.ED.

This honor is presented to the faculty member who will present the hoods at the Commencement ceremony.

**RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2003
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS**

Class Respondent at the Commencement Banquet
MAURICE LOEFFEL, MD

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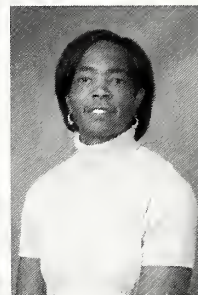
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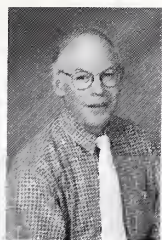
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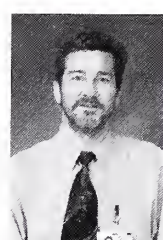
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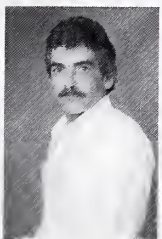
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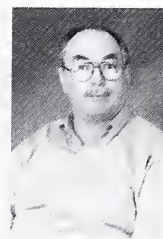
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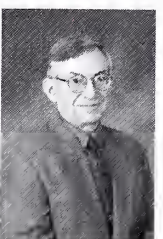
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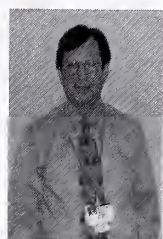
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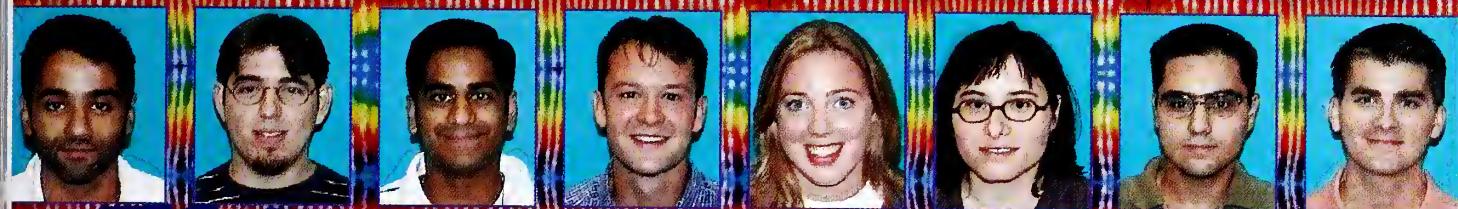
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...TO THE AGE OF INNOCENCE



Facts About the Class of 2003

When we started at Rush we ranged
between the ages of 19-46

We are from:

Bloomington, Buffalo Grove,
Chicago, Deerfield,
DeKalb, Downers Grove,
Glenview, Inverness,
Kempton, Lake Forest,
Libertyville, Lincolnwood,
Lisle, Lockport,
Markham, Northbrook,
Oak Park, Palatine,
Tinley Park, Wheaton

Calcutta - India, Chelsea - MI,
Colorado, Columbia - MA,
Elkhart Lake - WI, Homs - Syria,
Honolulu - HI, Kiev - Ukraine,
Lancaster - PA, Los Angeles,
Michigan, Philadelphia,
South Carolina, Southern California,
Sunnyvale - CA, Tulsa - OK

We speak:

American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, German,
Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Kannada, Korean,
Lithuanian, Malayalam, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian,
Spanish, Ukranian, Urdu

We went to school at:

Augustana
Benedictine Univ.
Boston Univ.
Cornell
DePaul
Duke
Emory
Grinnell College
Harvard
Indiana Univ.

Knox College
Loyola
Millikin Univ.
New York Univ.
Northern Illinois Univ.
Northwestern
Oberlin
Pepperdine Univ.
Pamona College
Southern Illinois Univ.

Swarthmore College
Univ. of Chicago
Univ. of Illinois - Champaign
Univ. of Illinois - Chicago
Univ. of California, San Diego
Univ. of Colorado, Boulder
Univ. of Michigan
Univ. of Pennsylvania
Univ. of Waterloo, Canada

Our degrees include:

Bachelors

Agriculture

Biochemistry

Bioengineering

Biology

Biology-Physiology

Biomedical Engineering

Cell & Molecular Biology

Chemistry

Environmental Biology

History

Microbiology

Molecular & Integrative Physiology

Neuroscience

Neuroscience

Nursing

Philosophy

Political Science

Portuguese

Psychology

Sports Medicine

Studio Arts

Graduate studies

Painting

Anatomy

Public Health

Our past careers include:

Brain autopsy/Neuroscience Lab Tech
Childcare worker at residential treatment center

Epidemiologist

ICU nurse

Internet programmer for start-up company

Management Consultant

Market Researcher

Medical Administrator

OB nurse

Child Abuse Counselor for DCFS

Porn Star (Jeremy Orhyon)

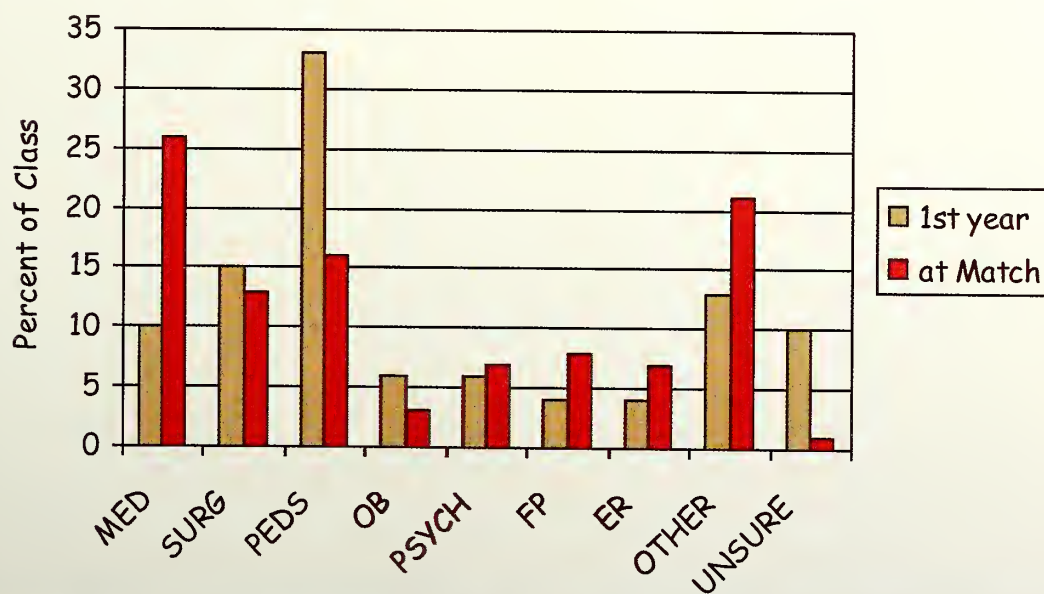
Psych Social Worker

Stuntman

TV News Producer

Working with children in group homes

Our interest in specialties changed through the years:



Memories at Rush

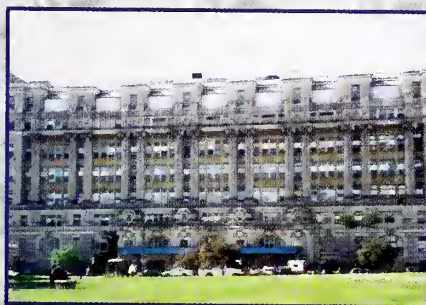
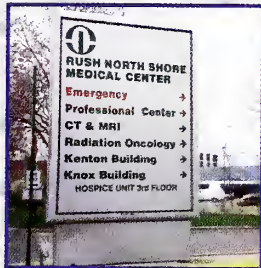
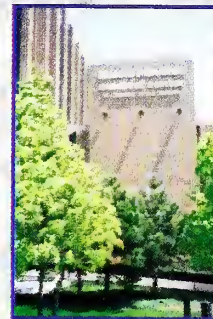
Best

- The NADS winning football M1 year, drinking at softball
- Going home on call
- The sun rising on morning rounds
- Bonding with patients
- Getting pimped, and answering right
- Getting evil looks for talking in class
- Midterm party 1st year
- Chillin' in the library
- Running the Chicago Marathon
- Matching
- The day all of our finals were done
- Nap time (Peter Hsin)
- White coat ceremony/ditching coat after last rotation
- Delivering my first baby
- Anatomy/tutoring anatomy/anatomy practical
- Cook County rotations
- Friends
- When everyone failed ethics
- 3rd & 4th years
- Neurology rotation
- Sitting in the last row for path
- Passing Boards
- Getting married/having babies
- Patients appreciating me
- Meeting Jeff "call me Jay" Kropp
- The sex toy party
- Studying at Barnes & Noble; on the ninth floor; at Lisa Acosta's; studying for neuroanatomy
- 1st time pager went off 3rd year
- Free lunches
- Late night snacks with Pam; coffee breaks; hanging in the caf; Sweet Maple Café; Pompei; ice cream in the caf; Veena's chocolate mousse; dinners before exams
- Parties, parties, parties - Med school prom; drinking on the steps of 1434; Ft. Lauderdale trip; lawn parties at center court; TG's; Hawkeye's; Karaoke at IBC
- RCSIP/RSIHM
- The "brown induration"

Worst

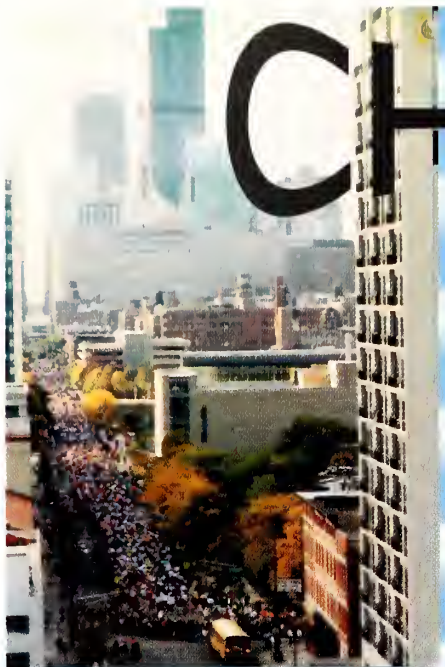
- Losing football
 - Q4 call
 - Presenting post call
 - Patients doing drugs in the bathroom at County
 - Getting reamed on Dr. Burke rounds
 - Lectures
 - Sonya going to the hospital before the party
 - Studying in the library
 - Not enough time to work out
 - Matching
 - 2nd year exams
 - Surgery - not enough sleep (Peter Hsin)
 - Shoulder pain and kyphosis secondary to white coat
 - OB rotation/residents
 - Loosing my anatomy skull/ anatomy stench
 - Cook County Rotations
 - Ultra-competitive students
 - Failing path
 - 2nd year
 - Psych, Surgery
 - Being pimped by Dr. Templeton
 - Studying for Step 1
 - Breaking up/our health insurance
 - Patient saying she didn't like my kind
 - Leaving Rush
 - Never hooking up with Veena
 - Finals; intense fear the night before the exam because you've only gotten through half of the material
 - Being paged at 1am for a lecture on pancreatitis
 - Financial aid - Bob Dame
 - Rush cafeteria food
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- The day I earned the name "Angry Ben"
 - Gray hairs
 - Illness in family
 - George Bush elected as President
 - Sept. 11

Our Stomping Grounds





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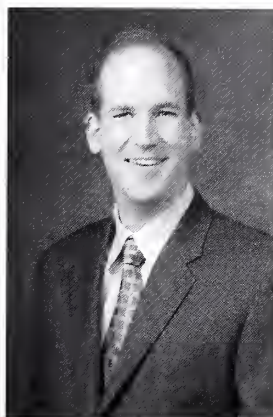


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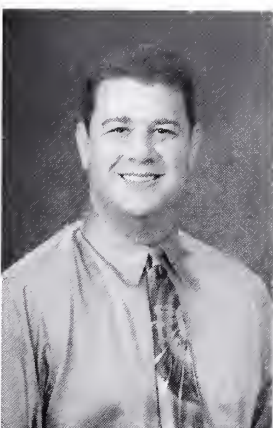


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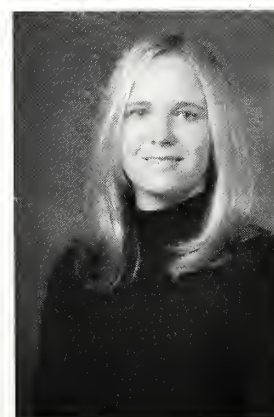


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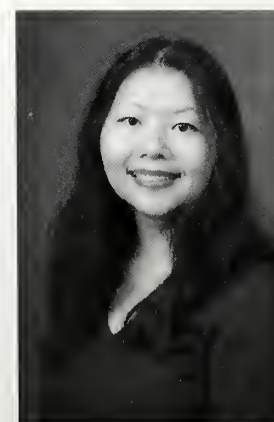


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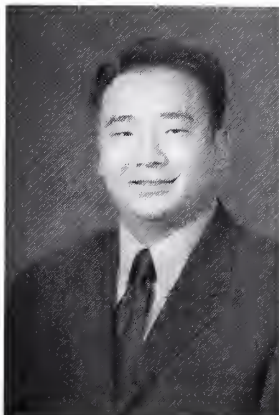


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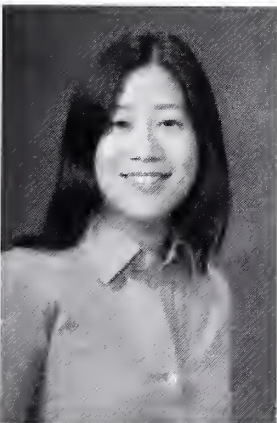


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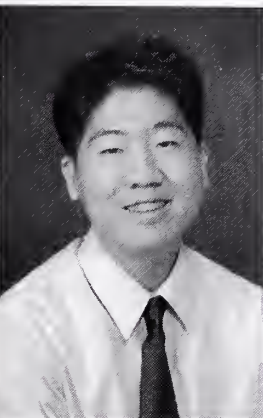
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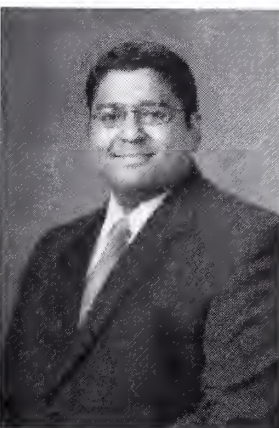
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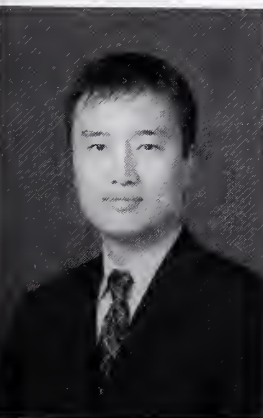


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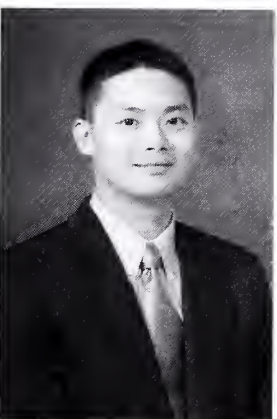
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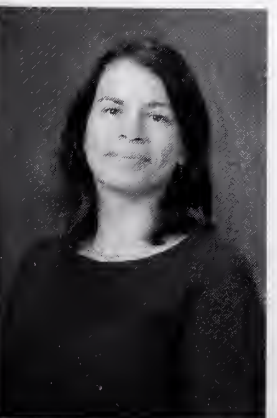
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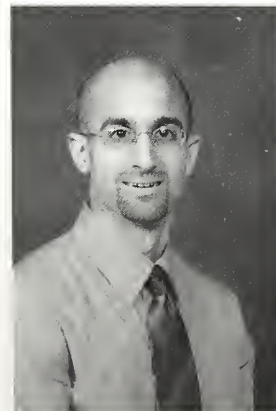


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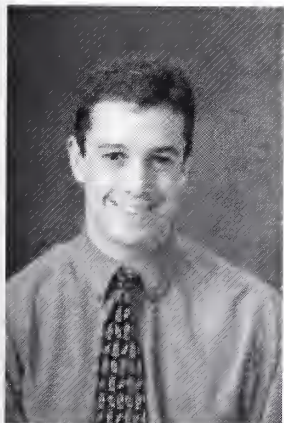


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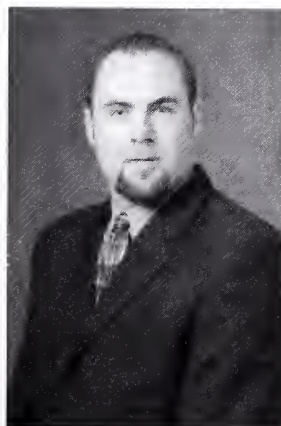


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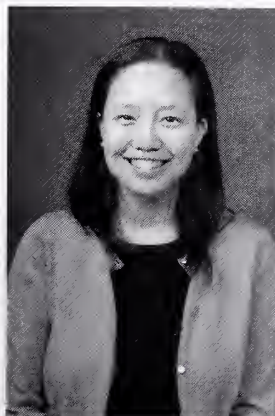


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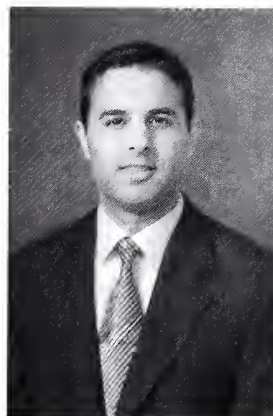
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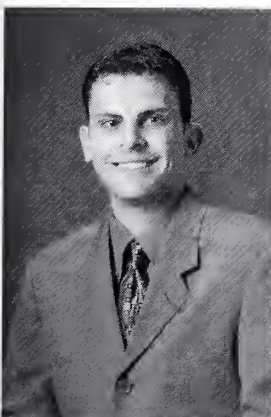
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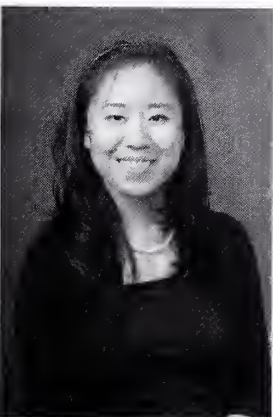
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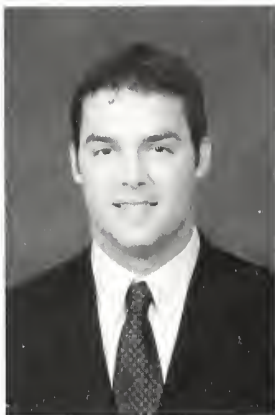
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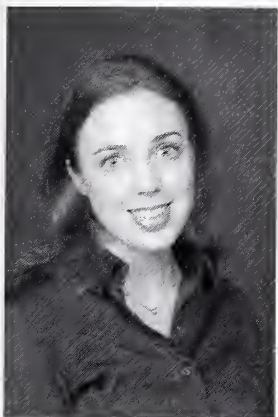
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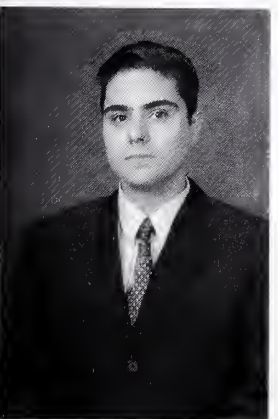
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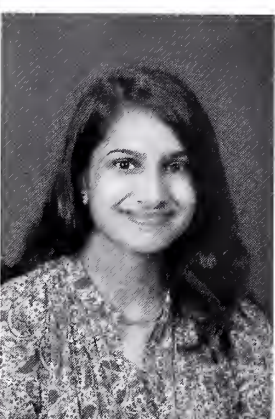
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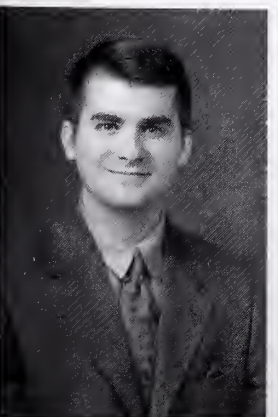


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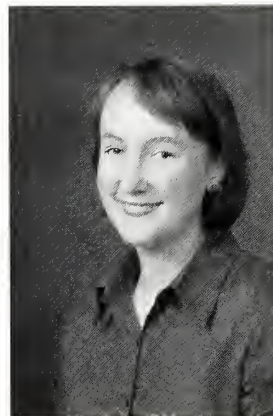


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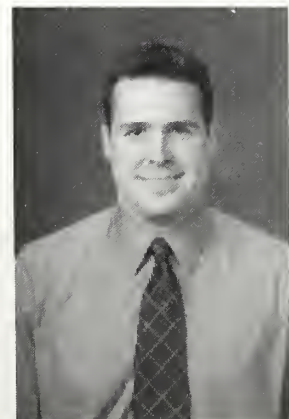
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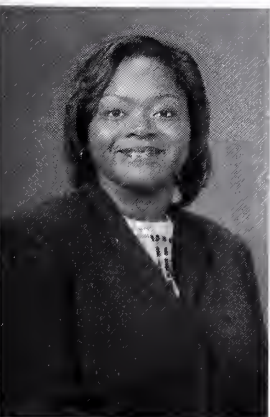


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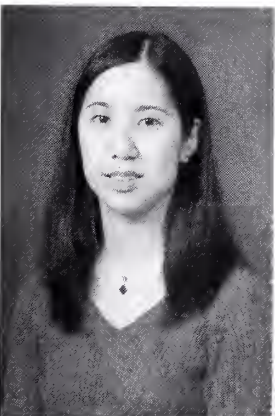
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In Memory of
Eric Michael Cha
June 7, 1994 - February 3, 2003



We remember: Eric's magnetic smile, his zest for spicy food, his commitment to his friends, his spirit, his love for Nicole, his dog Kayla, his enthusiasm, his father, his corvette, his jokes, his wedding, his class presentations, his struggles, his parties, most of all, the happiness he gave to everyone around him.



You Must Have Been



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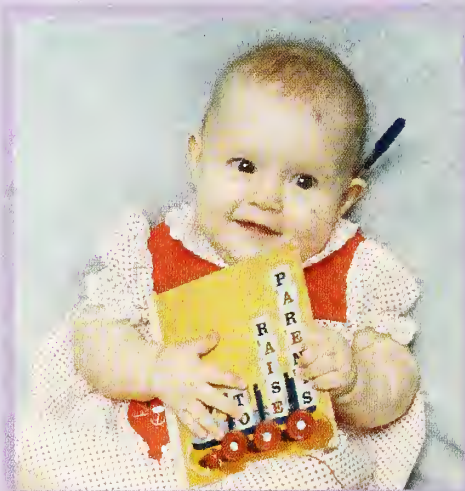
2. To all my adoring fans...



3. What the..? Who the..?



4. Tell me more about how that made you feel.



5. Yeah... I'm a child prodigy.



6. Aye, aye Cap'n!



7. This donut taste like #\$\$%!



8. Can you find the baby in this picture?



9. I'm gonna be a beautiful queen someday!

A Beautiful Baby...



10. One, two, cha cha cha.



11. Is it any wonder?



12. Actually, it's surprisingly comfortable!



13. Pay no attention to my surroundings... I'm an angel.



14. It only looks as though he's falling asleep-- this baby finds me amazingly entertaining!



15. Playmate of the year gets no respect - damn surgeons!



16. It's my mess, and I like it!



17. This year's cover of baby GQ.



18. Official spokesbaby for spring!

'Cause Baby, Look at You Now!



19. Come back and play with me!



20. What do you mean I can't have a vacation home in Barbados?!



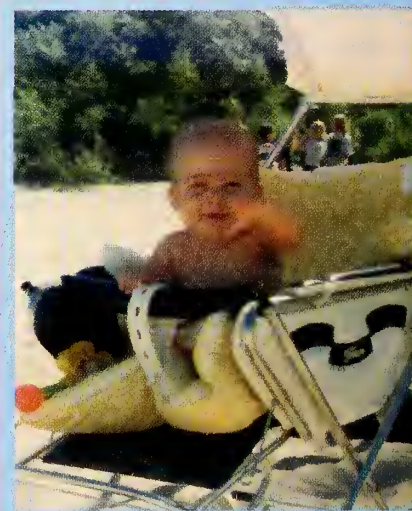
21. Star Search, here I come!



22. But mommy, the 50s are over!



23. Quick, take the picture before I start drooling!



24. Hi, there!



25. Grandma's little girl.



26. Hooked on phonics worked for me!



27. What you staring at?



8. Ok, I'm all dressed up...
let's go play!



29. I'm practicing to be a future Victoria's
Secret model.



30. How you doin'?



31. Just born and already
dreaming of earrings.



32. "On the good ship lollipop..."



33. I'm having a bad hair day!

1. Dawn Stecher
2. Lisa Acosta
3. Nicole Mozden
4. Tina Brueschke
5. Ramona Zak
6. Kristian Schafernak
7. Hameeda Shaikh
8. Sakina Shikari
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29. Veena Korah
30. Jennifer Kleinfeld
31. Joanna Turner
32. Rachel Schlesinger
33. Antionette Hernandez

Class of 2003 Weddings



*Lana and Alex Goldman
September 2, 2001*



*Zaneb and Jonathan Beams
August 28, 1999*



*Jennifer and Chris Caris
June 3, 2000*



*Gail and Mijail Serruya
March 23, 2003*



*Jonathan and Heidi O'Neil
June 16, 2001*



*Al and Jillian Baliunas
August 12, 2000*



*Kristian Schafernak and Sylvia Perez
August 17, 2002*



*Paula and Ronald Hobson
December 20, 2001*



*Sakina Shikari and Mansoor Bajowala
July 13, 2003*

Other Weddings....

Phyllis Chang & Paul Doodles - July 30, 2000

Richard & Bridget Blunk - September 7, 2002

Benjamin & Maria Ostrovsky

Shahid & Mehwish Ali - Winter 2002

Jonathan Vogel & Erika Reff - June 16, 2002

Simone Barsky & Lanny Glinberg

Class of 2003 Engagements



Seth Bake and Abbey Kieffer
May 30, 2004



Maurice Loeffel and Stephanie Newhall
April 12, 2003



Chad Spangler and Karen Solis
May 9, 2003



Amit Mehta and Ketki Patel
Summer 2004



Christopher Dondlinger and Ingrid Peterson
October 2004



Tabitha Barber and Brad Rubash
May 17, 2003



Christy Mann and Eric Swanson
June 7, 2003



Joanna Turner and Tristram Bisgrove
September 5, 2004



Linda Abraham and Babak Pourmassinia
Summer 2004

Patrick Myers and Bree Andrews
June 7, 2003

Jean Maloik and Jason Wardlaw
April 19, 2003

Lisa Acosta and Dave Rominger
engaged on April 5, 2003



Jason Chon and Elisa Choi
May 25, 2003

Our hopes, our dreams, our future...
children of the class of 2003



Ada Shireen Beams
 December 12, 2000
 7 lbs 8oz 21 3/4 inches



Jack Adan O'Neil
 March 19, 2003
 8 lbs 5 oz 18.5 inches



Brandon Orlando-Marcel Kimbrough
 September 14, 1988
 6 lbs 15oz 22 inches



Patrick Sean Kimbrough Jr.
 November 24, 1989
 4 lbs 11oz 18 inches



Samuel Aijaz Beams
 March 12 2002
 7 lbs 8 oz 21 3/4 inches



Candice Kiara-Dionne Kimbrough
 January 24, 1991
 5 lbs 2oz 19 inches



Jacob Lee Marsh Zachary Shea Marsh
 December 4 1996 June 18, 2002
 8 lbs 6 oz 9lbs 1 oz



Talia Eva Glinberg
 November 5, 2002
 7lbs 19 1/2 inches



Kathryn (Leung) Chou
 Sept 15, 2002
 7 lbs 13oz 19 inches

Other children of the class of 2003
 Brian (Gould) Compton

Student Organizations



Buddies



Octoberfest



La Mesa



AAFP



Student Council



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AMA



Henry Horner



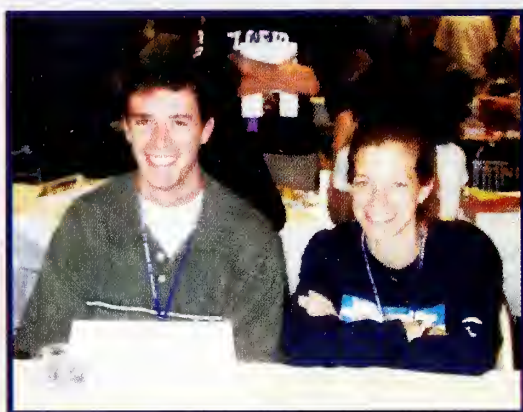
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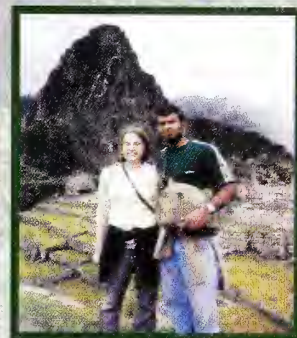


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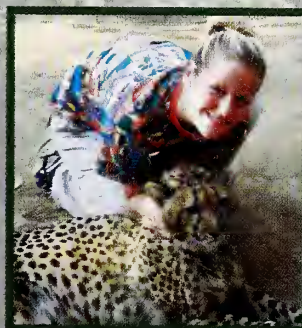
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Medicine Abroad...





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ATHLETIC



TGIFS

(Thank goodness it's free!)





Rush Formal





Us at Work....



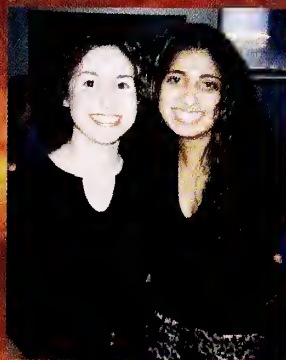
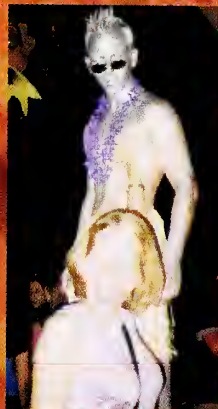
Our Class at Play Eating...

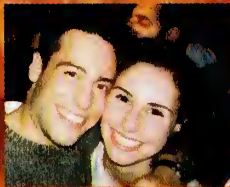
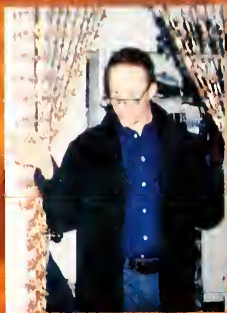


Drinking...



And being merry!





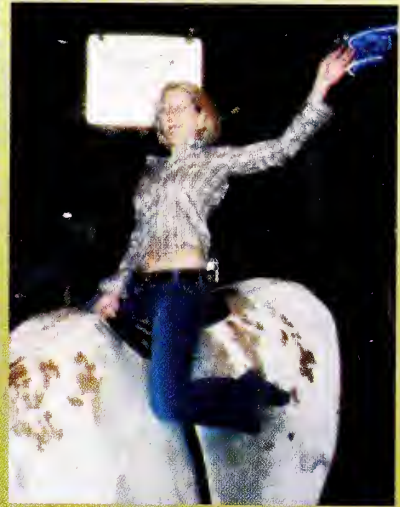
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The never-ending wait...



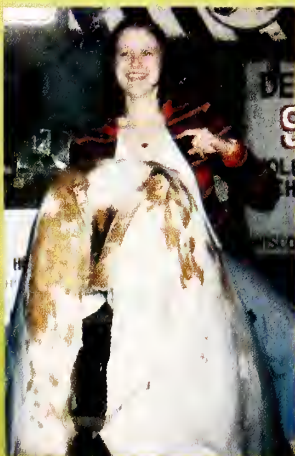
And then, the moment arrived...





Celebration!





Lisa Acosta

To my family – no more
birthdays in the cold
To David – the phone
companies won't know
what to do without our
support

To my friends – the
hikes, Blue Moons and
hours at coffee shops will
be terribly missed



To all of you – I could
never say thank you
enough for all your love
and support.



NOUR AKHRAS

"Almighty God!

Thou hast chosen me in Thy mercy to watch
over the life and death of Thy creatures.

I now apply myself to my profession.

Support me in this great task

so that it may benefit mankind,

for without Thy help not even

the least thing will succeed."

– Matmonides

THANKS to my one and only sister,
Asma, and her family for the
unconditional support. Nothing can
explain it better than these lines:

"My sister is my strength
she bears the whisper of prayers
that I cannot speak.

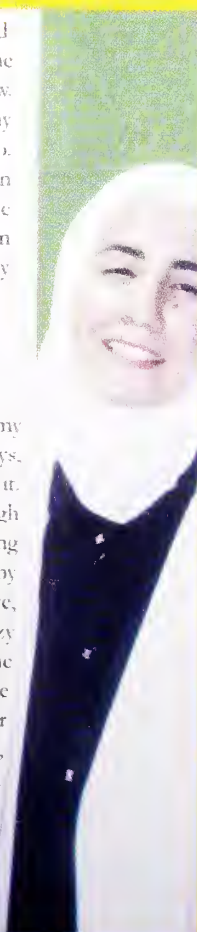
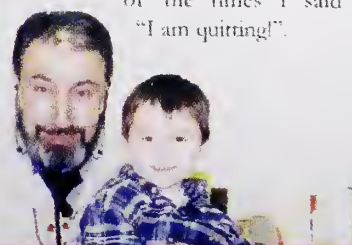
My sister tells me, "Asma, she
she is my most treasured friend.
She is my rock, my inspiration."

– Lorden

THANKS to my mom, who was so
patient with me during these past
four years (and the past twenty-one
years before that). Thanks for
listening to my every complaint and
still finding the energy to tirelessly
encourage, teach, care for and love
me. Thanks for putting up with me
and being able to smile through all
of the times I said
"I am quitting!"

THANKS to my dad
Thanks for teaching me
(almost) everything I know.
Thanks for being my
inspiration and my hero.
If I manage to become an
atom's weight of the
human being and physician
that you are, I will be truly
blessed.

THANKS to ALL of my
friends. Without you guys,
I would have never made it.
Thanks for making me laugh
when I needed it, reminding
me (countless times) of why
I did this in the first place,
being patient with my crazy
schedule, being proud of me
and inspiring me in more
ways than you will ever
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Sofia, Uzma, Melissa,
Heba, Aminah, Tammie,
Amal, Raneem, Sheetal
and Fareeha.



Shahid Ali

Hi everyone. Congratulations to all, We MADE IT, finally. I wanted to take this opportunity to send out a few shout outs. I wanted to thank my parents, Amjad and Farhat Ali, and my wife, Melwish Ali, for all their support and love through thick and thin. I also wanted to thank my brother, Farokh, and my sister, Mona, and all my family, friends who have been there for me along the way. Thanx guys for all your support and all the good times and memories. Once again congrats to all and good luck in you future endeavors!!!!

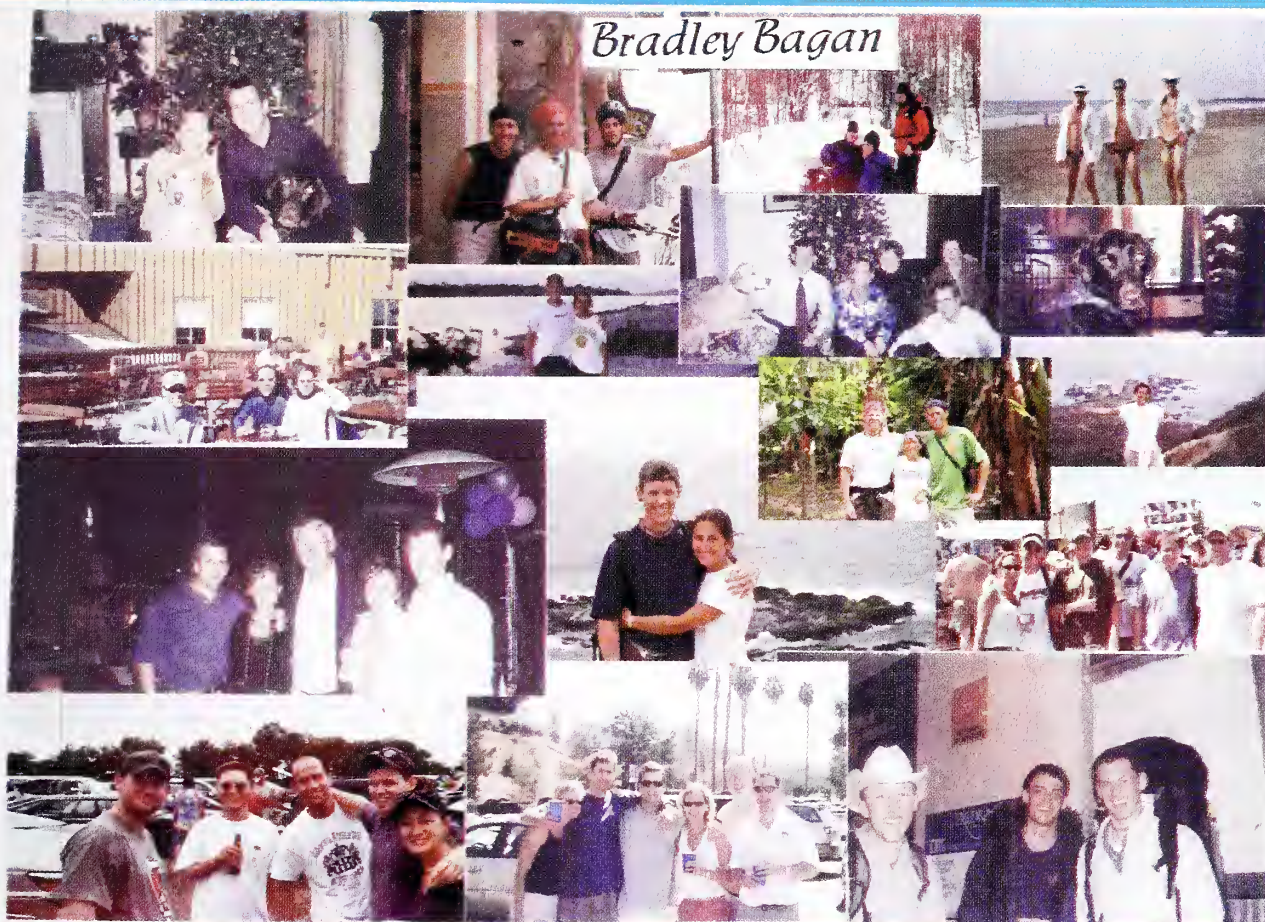
- Shahid Ali, Class of 2003



David Andrews... Love and Thanks to Family and Friends



Bradley Bagan



SETH BAKER

Mom,

*Thank you for the support, love,
and devotion that you have given me
for the past four years and my entire life,
I couldn't have gotten here without you. I love you.*



Abbey,

*To the love of my life,
since coming into my life,
nothing but great things have happened.
I love you with all my heart and soul
I love you and thank you for saying "yes".*

Dad,

*Thank you for being the
role model you are to me,
the support you have given me,
I hope to always make you as proud of me
as you are upon this...my graduation from
medical school. I love you.*





Richard Blunk and Friends



Our crazy adventures, dance flips, & your punquish ways

Becky Brooks

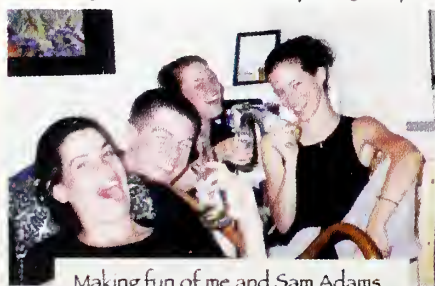
Thank you for . . .



All of the good times, laughter, and stories



Being the best friend I could ever ask for



Making fun of me and Sam Adams



Being the grenade & my brother in dance



Sharing the Brooks nose and so much more



Believing in me
when I didn't



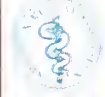
Sharing a beer and a laugh when I needed it most



Tina Brueschke

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—HELEN KELLER



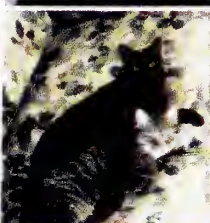
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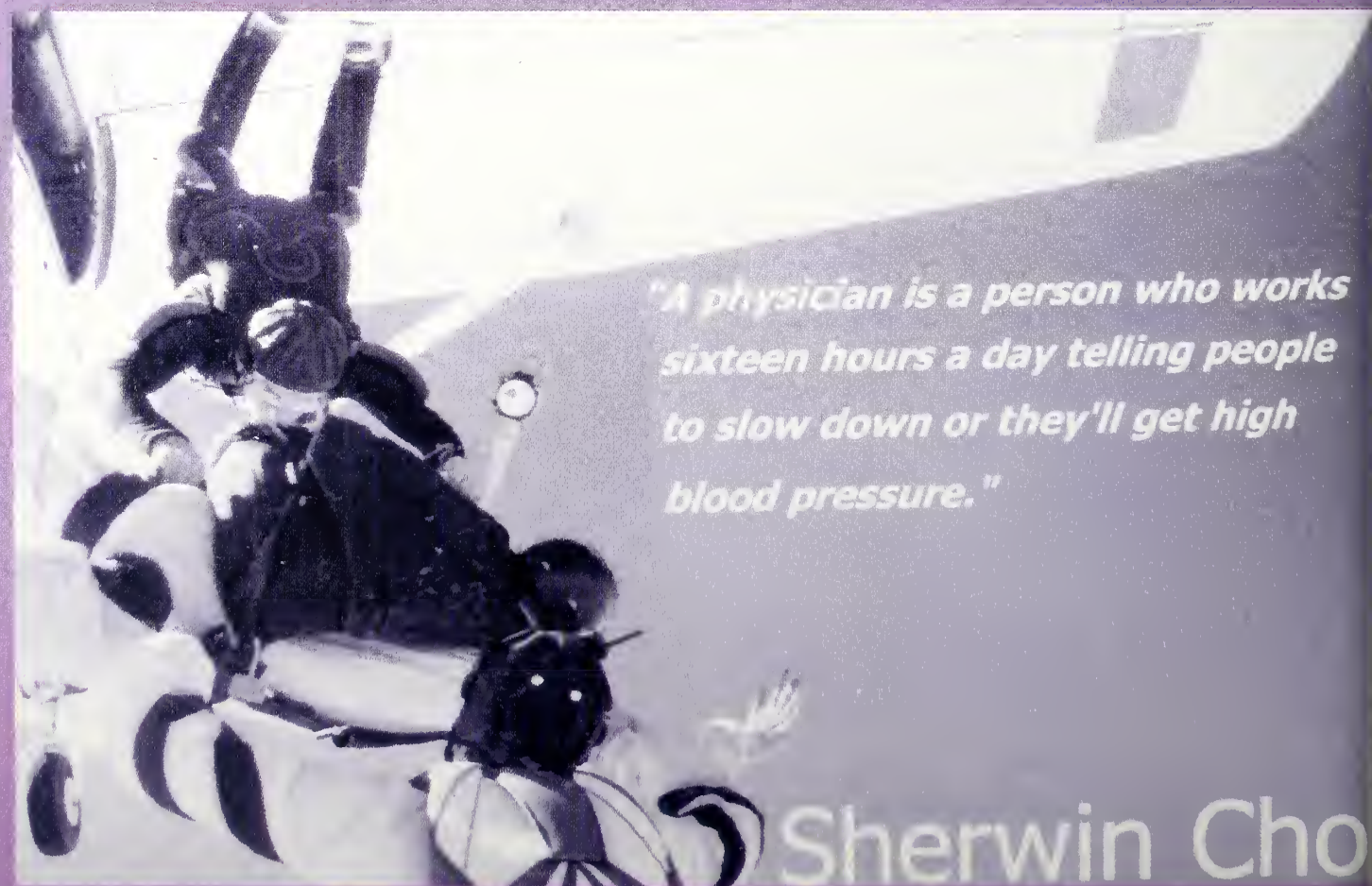




Pauline Chao



*Thank you to my family for
all of their love, support,
and encouragement
through out the years.
I wouldn't have made it
without all of you!*



*"A physician is a person who works
sixteen hours a day telling people
to slow down or they'll get high
blood pressure."*

Sherwin Cho

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My Crazy Freaky Friends...
My Groomsmen

Good Ole First
Year

Thomas Daniels

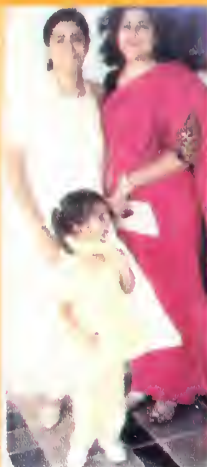
If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you
But make allowance for their doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream--and not make dreams your master,
If you can think--and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings--nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much,
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And--which is more--you'll be a Man, my son!





Ashish N. DebRoy

Thanks guys... for everything.



"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." - Unknown

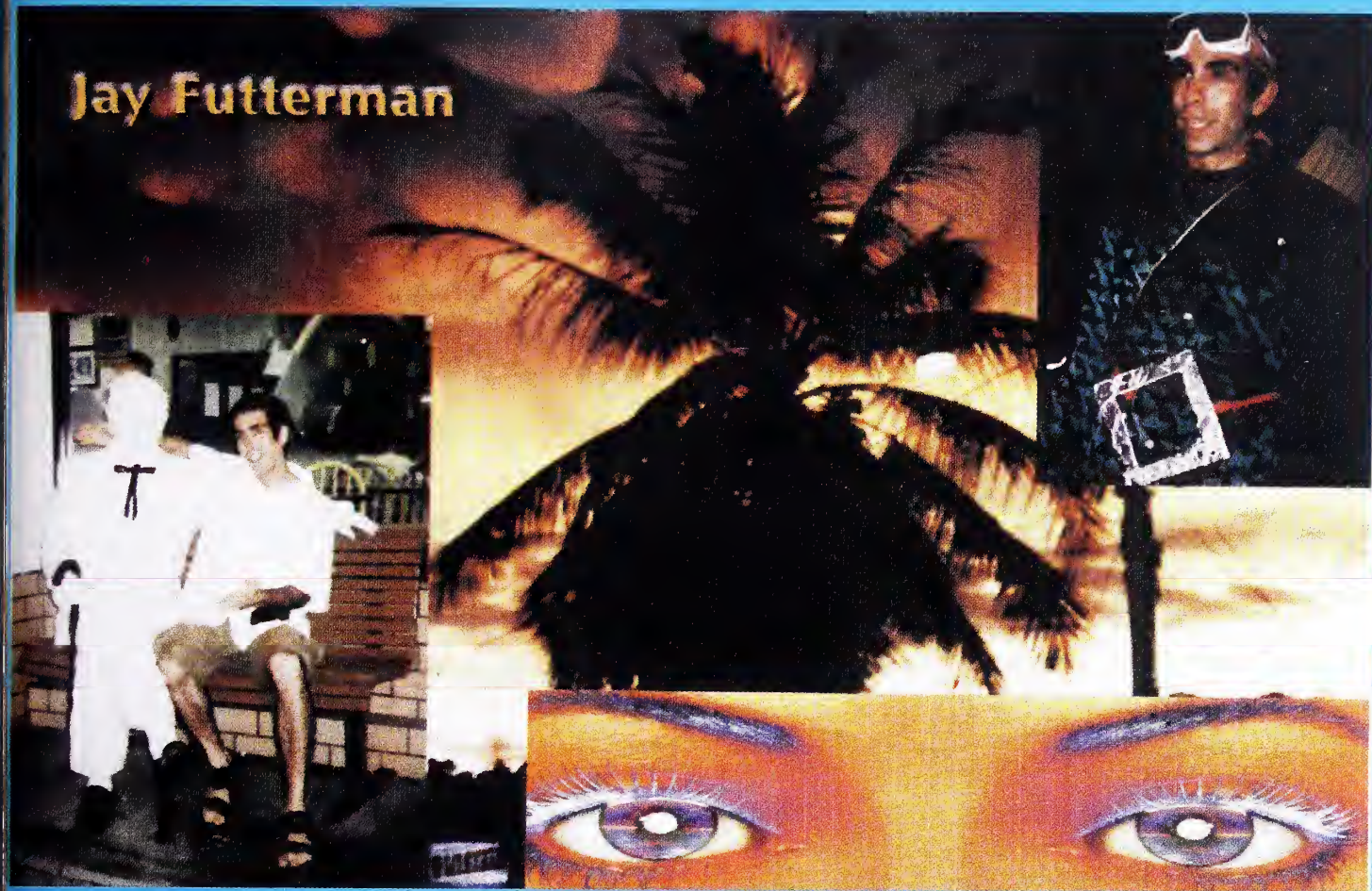
"That which does not kill us makes us stronger." - Nietzsche



Christopher Dondlinger



Jay Futterman



Chhavi Gandhi



Thanks for all the memories...

Cathleen Gould

THANK

*to my wonderful son Brian
it's not easy having a medical mom!*

*to my dear family and friends
for their love and support*

*to Rush and to my classmates
for welcoming a "nontraditional candidate"*

*to the "old enoughs" and to Barry
they know who they are*

YOU



Cori Green



Kelly Hedlund



Antoinette



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Thanks mom



Niko



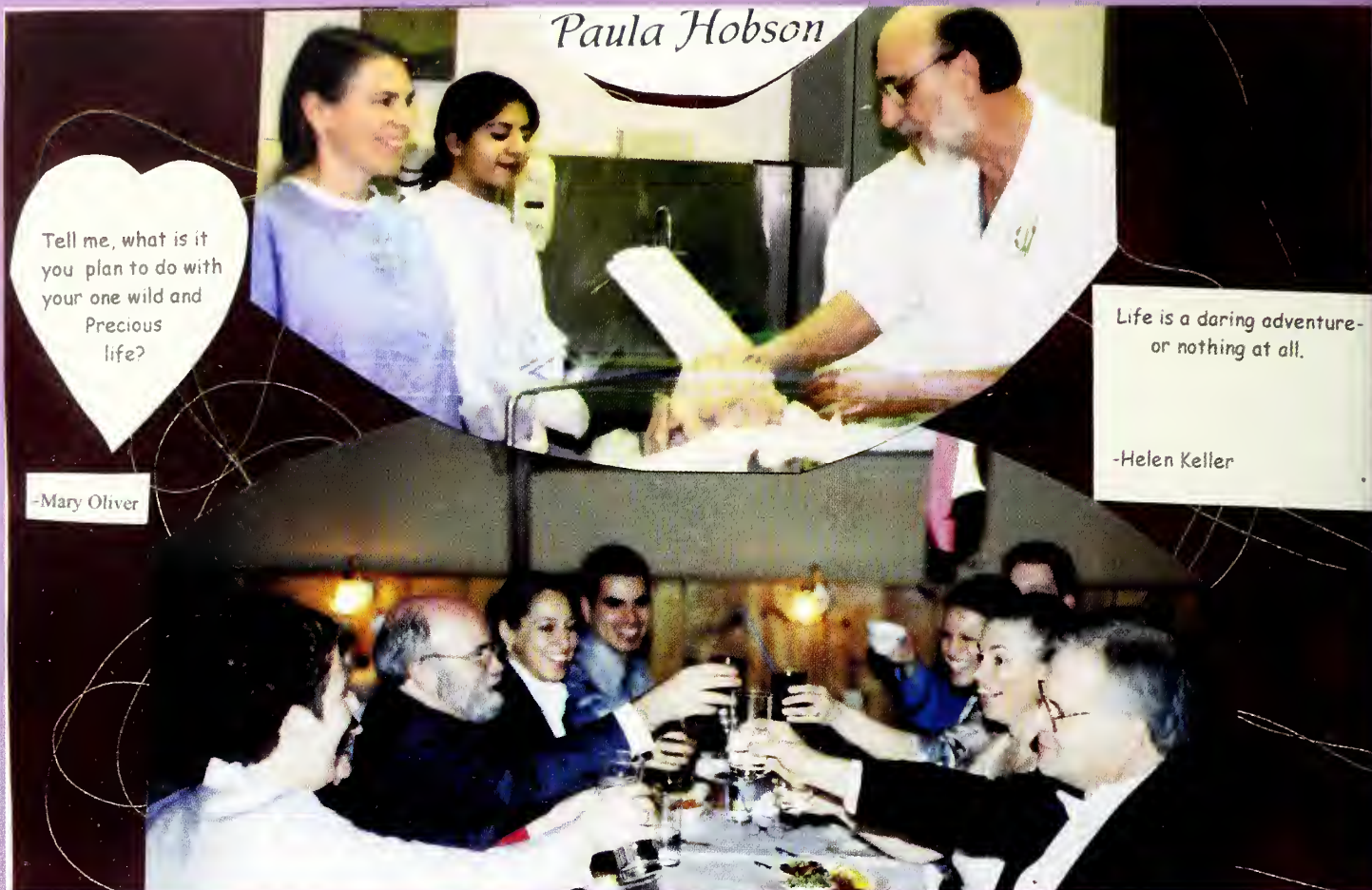
Paula Hobson

Tell me, what is it
you plan to do with
your one wild and
Precious
life?

-Mary Oliver

Life is a daring adventure-
or nothing at all.

-Helen Keller



Peter Hsin

My friends, do not fear that I will sleep forever, for God promises:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."
-Eph 5:14

Though sleep cripples me, I will not despise any gift from God

"...for he grants sleep to those he loves."
-Ps 127:2

I would write more, but the best of wit and wisdom comes from Chesterton:

There is a thought that stops thought. That is the only thought that ought to be stopped.

It is idle to talk always of the alternative of reason and faith. Reason is itself a matter of faith. It is an act of faith to assert that our thoughts have any relation to reality at all.

What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition. Modesty has settled upon the organ of conviction, where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed.

For the old humility made a man doubtful about his efforts, which might make him work harder. But the new humility makes a man doubtful about his aims, which will make him stop working altogether.

All democrats object to men being disqualified by the accident of birth; tradition objects to their being disqualified by the accident of death.

The one real objection to the Christian religion is simply that it is one religion.

Every act of will is an act of self-limitation. To desire action is to desire limitation... When you choose anything, you reject everything else.

Pragmatism is a matter of human needs; and one of the first of human needs is to be something more than a pragmatist.

A man must be interested in life, then he could be disinterested in his views of it.

The real trouble with this world of ours is not that it is an unreasonable world, nor even that it is a reasonable one. The commonest kind of trouble is that it is nearly reasonable, but not quite.

Whenever we felt there is something odd in Christian theology, we shall generally find that there is something odd in the truth.

Paganism declared that virtue was in a balance; Christianity declared it was in a conflict: the collision of two passions apparently opposite.

We do not want joy and anger to neutralize each other and produce a surly contentment; we want a fiercer delight and a fiercer discontent.

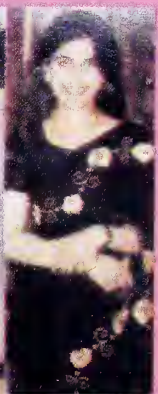
The Christian pleasure was poetic, for it dwelt on the unnaturalness of everything in the light of the supernatural.

Finally, my colleagues and friends, may this insight give us courage:

Even a bad shot is dignified when he shows up at a duel.

-GK Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

Thomas Huang



To My Parents, my friends, Shilpa, and Ranna,

I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. Every moment spent with
you is a treasure... Thank You.

Love,
Mairaj

Mairaj Jaleel





Jason Kesselring



Taj Khan

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Jennifer Kleinfeld

Doctors are special
Special as can be
they go to school for
you and me. I like
my Aunt Shes very
cool. When I am sick
She takes care of me.

stethoscope

crutches

tongue

bandage

Amanda

Ashley

To my Family:

depresser

Shot

Thanks for providing a wealth of medical problems to keep me on my toes!



Abby



Allison

Gail Kopelman

Quotes from the Physician's Prayer –
attributed to Maimonides – 12th century

*Let me be contented in everything except in
the great science of my profession. Never
allow the thought to arise in me that I have
attained to sufficient knowledge, but
vouchsafe to me the strength, the leisure
and the ambition ever to extend my
knowledge. For art is great, but the mind of
man/woman is ever expanding.*

*Preserve the strength of my body and of my
soul that they ever be ready to cheerfully
help and support rich and poor, good and
bad, enemy as well as friend. In the
sufferer let me see only the human being.*

We finally made it!!!!!!

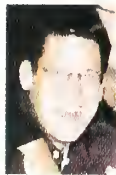
Long live Pig and Bird

Thanks for the support of my family,
friends, and fiancée, Misha.



Veena Korah

To:
My guys,



My girls,

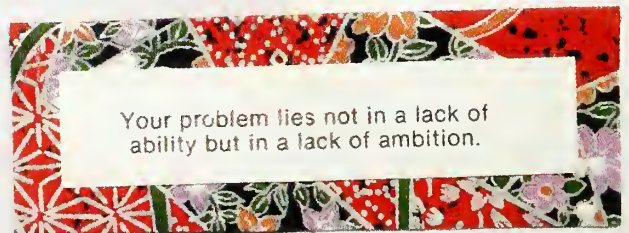


My family,



Thanks for the friendship,
Support, & understanding.
I love you all,
Veena

Aaron Krill



Your problem lies not in a lack of
ability but in a lack of ambition.

I FORGOT WHAT
I WAS
GOING
TO SAY

THANKS TO EVERYONE... ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO RAISED ME. - AARON

Russell LeBoyer

Thanks to all my
family and
friends for your
support and
encouragement



*"What a long
strange trip it's
been"*



Roxanne Leung

Always, Mia Levy

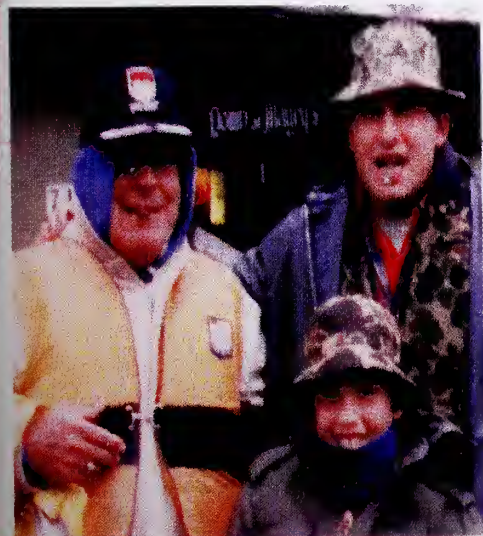


FAMILY

COUNTRY

MILITIA

Maurice Loeffel



Thanks for all of the sacrifice, it was worth it!!



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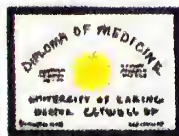


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Keila Lopez



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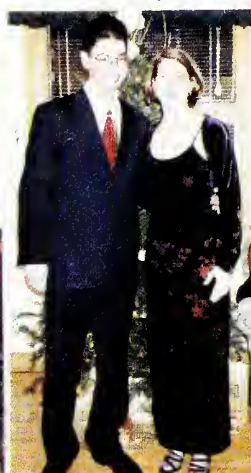
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Your love and support has helped me through the best and worst of times I love you guys!



Danny, this one's for you....

Marissa Cowenthal ☆☆☆☆



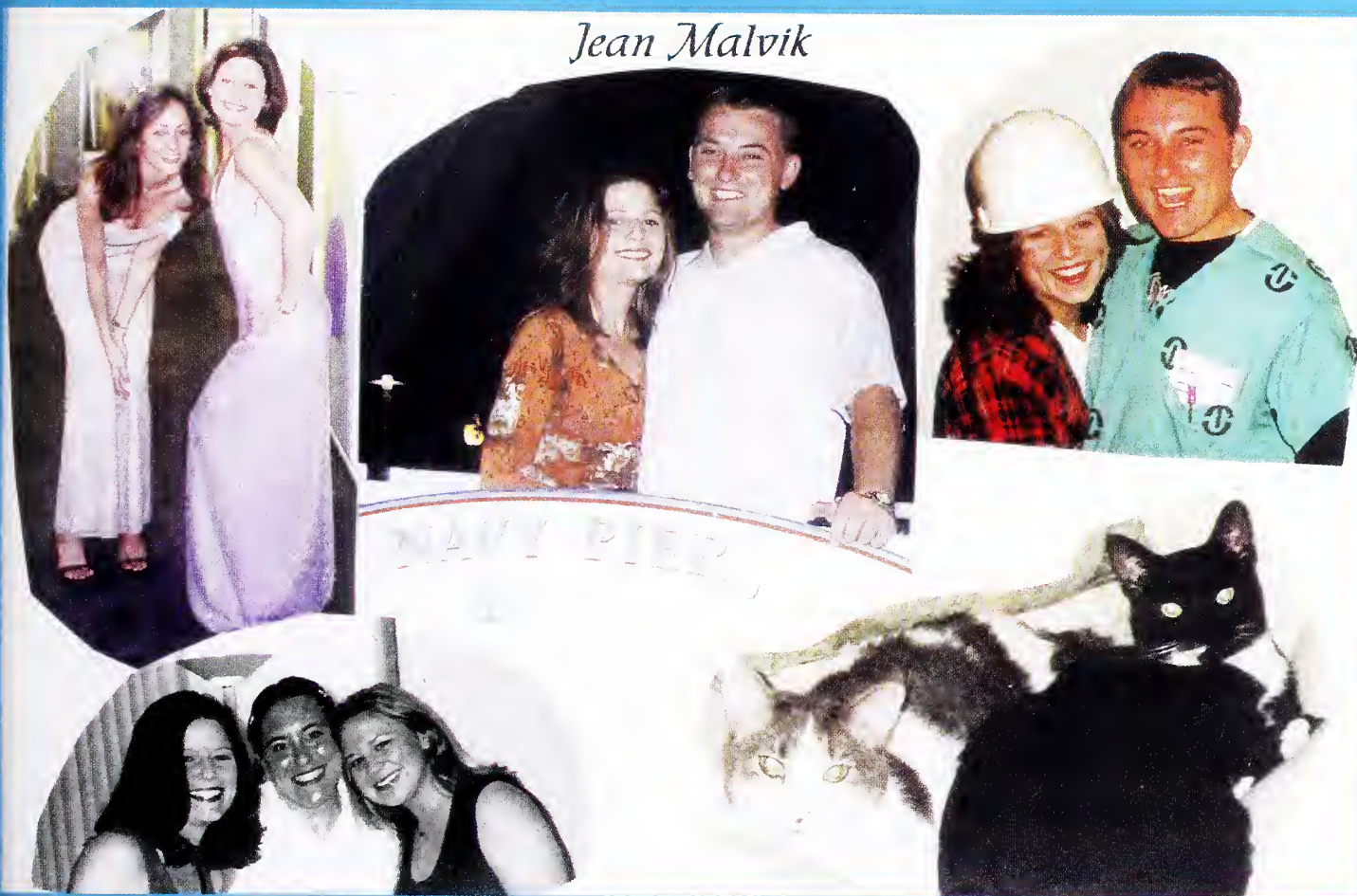
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My style may have changed, but the love and support of my family have remained the same. I ♥ You guys more than you know



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Jean Malvik



Katina Mandas





**Christy Mann
sends Much
thanks and
love to....**



My Girls



**My
Family**



**E
R
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My



Dogg



**My best friend,
My heart,
and My future!**



**My Friends
and Study
Buddies**

**And the
eraser!**

Rebecca Marsh





Amit Mehta

4 Long YRS HAVE PASSED,
ALL THE \$\$\$, THE SWEAT,
THE CRAMMING, THE
SCUT WORK, ROTATIONS,
AND THE MATCH....
BUT TO BE RID
OF THE SHORT WHITE
COAT FOREVER...PRICELESS!!



MY FAM -
MY PARENTS, BRO, ME
SIS, BEEN WITH ME
EVERY STEP WITH HAVE
LOVE. COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT WITHOUT U.

AND MY MY GIRL -
MY LOVE. MY SUPPORT
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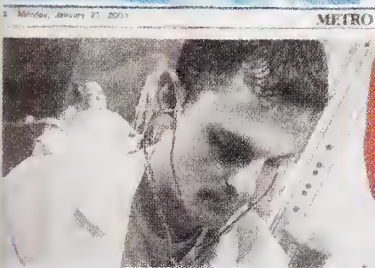


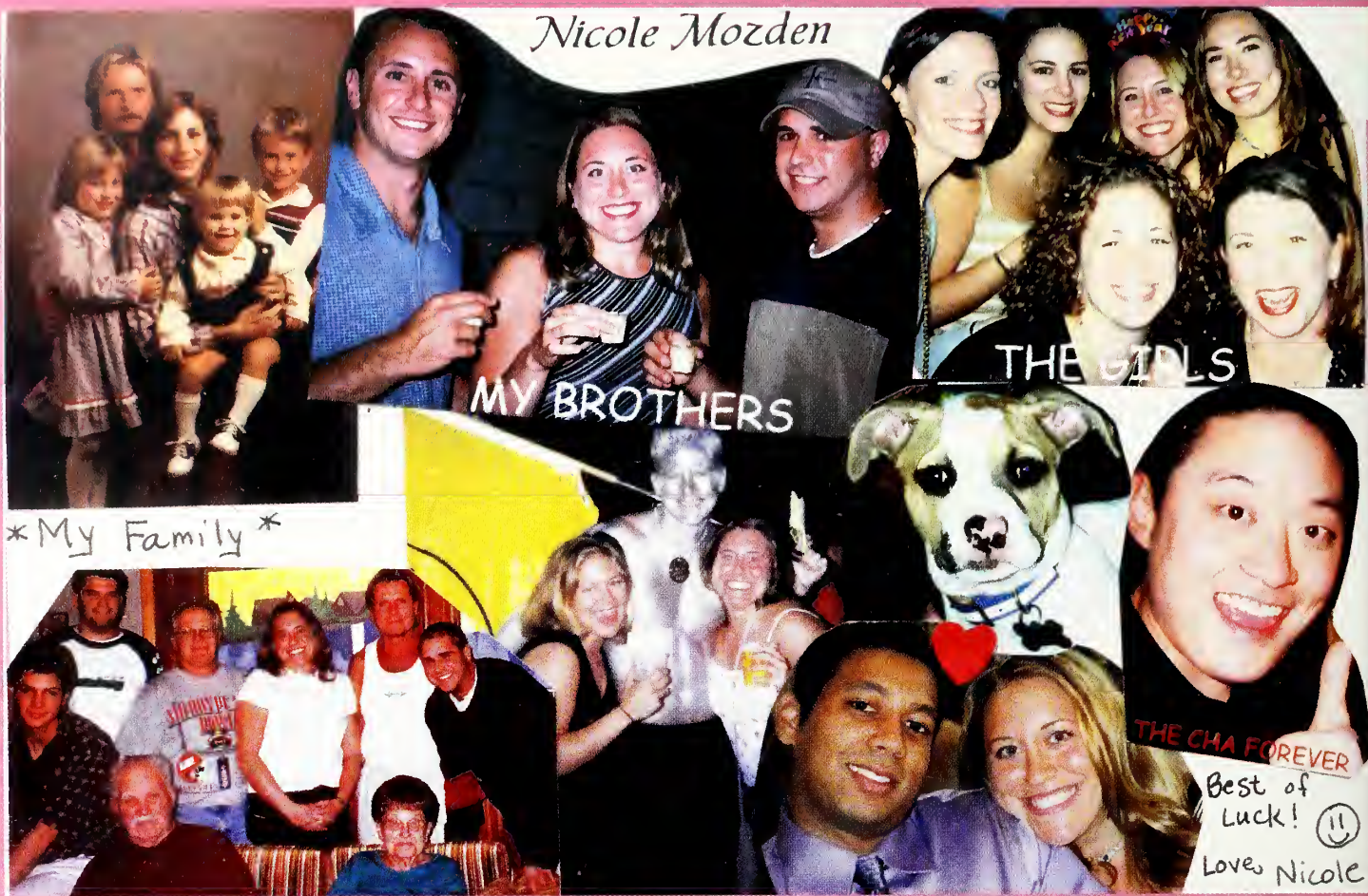
MY GUYS -
CHILLING. SPORTS, BARS.
LAUGHS. FANTASY FOOTBALL, LAUGHS AGAIN,
GOOD TIMES, ROAD TRIPS,
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GOOD LUCK CLASS '03

Tony Moretti





Nicole Mozden

My Family

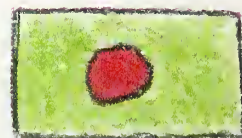
MY BROTHERS

THE GIRLS

THE CHA FOREVER

Best of Luck! ☺
Love Nicole

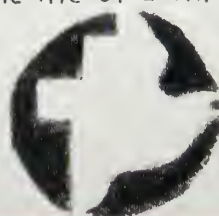
Patrick Myers



One hundred years from now
it will not matter
what kind of house I lived in
what kind of car I drove
how much I had
in my bank account
nor what my clothes looked like
But the world
may be a little better
because I was important
in the life of a child.



Bree Andrews M.D.
Married



Patrick Myers
6/07/03



Ranveer Nand

~ To my classmates: Thanks for the memories guys! Good luck... let's all have honorable, glorious, and noble careers.~

~ Thank you to all my wonderful friends and family for the amazing support and encouragement over the past 4 years.~



Your right is to work only but never to the fruit of that. Let not the fruit of action be your object, nor let your attachment be to inaction... He who performs a prescribed duty as a thing that ought to be done - his relinquishment is regarded as one of goodness. (Bhagavadgita 2/47)

There can be no nobler cause for which to work than the peace of righteousness. (Theodore Roosevelt)

Joy Nishime

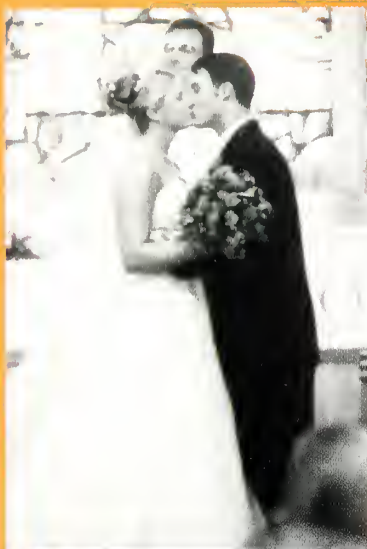
*Family*Love*Inspiration*Strength*



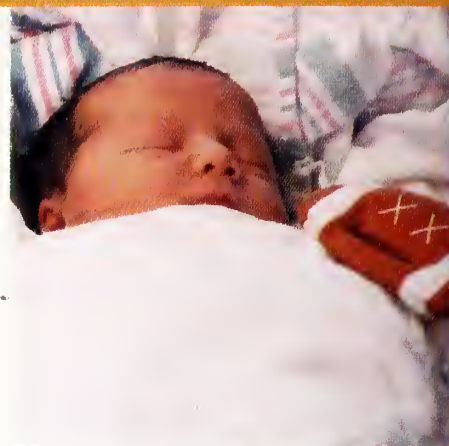
In memory of my dad, who shaped the person that I am today and remains my inspiration to become a better person tomorrow.



Jonathan O'Neil



Heidi,
Thank you for making this all possible.
You are my strength and inspiration.
Thanks for the joy you've brought into my life,
especially our newest bundle of joy! I love you..



And to my family and friends:
Thanks for the support, love, and fun times.



Jeremy Oryhon

Anna Ostrovskaya

Thank you!

To teachers that made me smarter, friends that always supported me, family for unconditional love attendings and residents for treating me as a colleague and mentors that kept me sane and shaped me into a professional!

I will always remember The journey between scared and hopeful 1st year and still scared, but much more hopeful me now. Somewhere on the way you all helped me grow.

Thank you!



Before they grow so big, the baobabs start out by being little

Benjamin Ostrovsky



'P Nut'
My Dog

Me

My Wife
Maria



JOSHUA PESSIN

Honduras, Medical Missions Trip



Josh & Christa



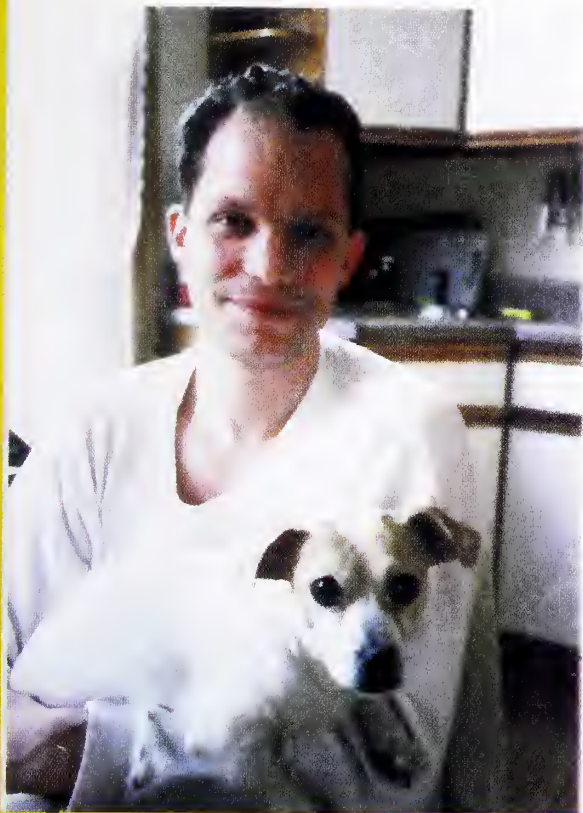
Flag Football!



Sara Retsema



Lisa Rosenthal



Kristian Schafernak

I just wanted to thank my beautiful wife Sylvia and my family (especially my parents and my sister Melissa) for all of their support these past four years. Also, thank you to my classmates and friends for making medical school tolerable and, at times, pretty fun. Some of

my favorite moments:
the 'tucks' going with
'our friend' to Hain-
wa in Chinatown;
complaining about
every ob/gyne
resident and a couple
of medicine residents
at Rush; being
propositioned for a
rough day; delivering
1/2-a-baby at a time;
the Moro reflex;
adding an 'e' to the
beginning of every
word starting with
's' on Esurgery; and
singing on most
10th's, especially
"Eye of the Tiger"
on ENT when it was
"our time to shine."
What bad actors we
were!

Take care/keep in
touch/good luck/
God bless!

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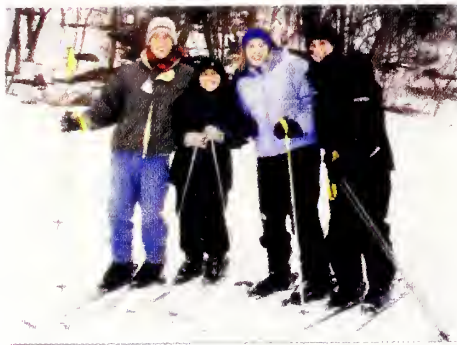


RACHEL SCHLESINGER

To all of my family and friends,



Thank you for your support and encouragement,
throughout the past four years.



I will cherish you always and forever.

Love,
Rachel



Hameeda Shaikh



*"Each friend represents a world in us,
a world not born until they arrive,
And it is only by this meeting,
That a new world is born." Awaiz Nia*



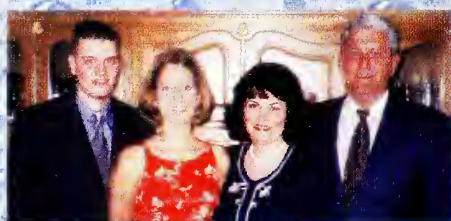
Nina Shervin



sakina shikari

Mummy Daddy
Ateriyah & Mansoor

Your unwavering
support of my dream
has made its
fulfillment your
achievement as much
as mine. Thank you.
All my love Sakina



MY FAMILY

Dawn Stecher

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



MY BIRTHDAY WITH THE GANG



OUR VERY FIRST PARTY TOGETHER



SUNNING IN THE CAYMENS



SHILPA AND I



MEXICO TRIP



DAVE N' TRAVIS ON THE "STOOP"



TRAVIS AND I IN SAN DIEGO



MY GRANDPARENTS



HOOTERS (for the wings of course)

Genevieve Syed



*Great
friends*

*Great
times*



Shilpa Tilwalli



Dear Mom, Dad, Nikhil, Dev, Mairaj, my
friends, and family,
If my heart can become pure and simple like
that of a child, I think there probably can be no
greater happiness than this.

-Nishida, Kitaro

Thank you so much for everything.

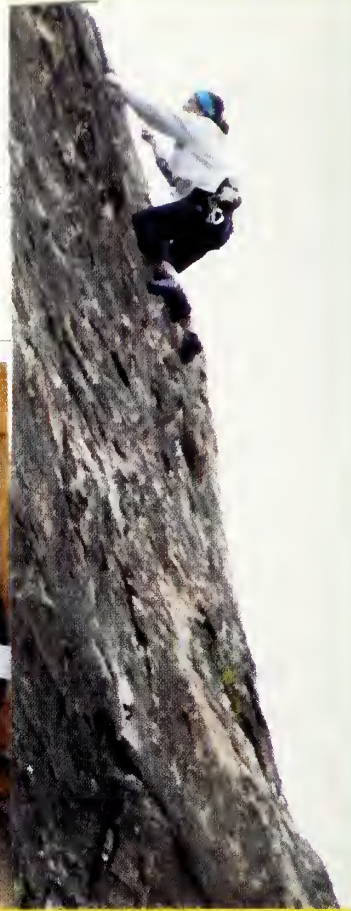
Love,
Shilpa



Joanna Turner

These are the moments I thank God that I'm alive. These are the moments I'll remember all my life. I have all I've waited for, and I could not ask for more. I could not ask for more than this time together. I could not ask for more than this time with you. Every prayer has been answered, every dream I have's come true. Right here in this moment is right where I'm meant to be — here with you here with me.

-Edwin McCain



Jonathan Vogel



*SERVING A
Community Near
You*

(THANKS MOM, DAD)



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Danyale Wallace

Thank you for being there for me
 Helping me along the way and listening with open ears.
 Always telling me to be strong, proud, and confident and
 Nurturing me with discipline and faith.
 Know that I have been grateful to have
 You and your unselfish love and support.
 Only words can't express how I truly feel, but
 Under your guidance, I have blossomed and will continue to.

THANK YOU!!

To my mother, brother, stepfather and other members of my family and friends.

Thomas Watanabe



I wanted to thank my family and friends for their love and support throughout medical school, especially Trish and Avi.



Eric Westin

Thanks to my family and friends. I could not have done it without you!

CAROL WOOD

After a B.A., M.B.A., and a 25 year career.....this is what my life has come to.....writing songs about body parts:



Ode to the Greater Petrosal Nerve

(Sing to the tune "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House We Go")

*Out of Nerve VII and over Lacerum the Greater Petrosal flows
it meets with a pal at the Pterygoid canal and off with the Deep it go-oes
to the Pterygopalatine ganglion through the fossa of the same name,
V2 takes a strand to the Lacrimal gland
and the nose and the mouth get the same.*

.....Carol Wood (1st year, late at night, without the influence of mind altering substances)

So, thanks to everyone, family and friends, who have accepted and encouraged me, despite myself. AND, just so they can see their names in print, special thanks to Seth and Quinn Rattan; remember, there are no barriers to those who think without them.



Sylvia Yoon



... have some good times...

... and meet some interesting species...

... and have the best four years of your life. Thank you Rush for making these years memorable.

ZAK RAMONA

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A huge thanks to all of our classmates for donating tons of pictures, and for your time and effort on the half pages. Sorry for having to bust so many butts to get you to do them, but if you hadn't, the yearbook would've been a big flop.

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Danka to Zaneb Beams for your help with Eric Cha's memorial page.

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Sincerely,

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